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Dear Tim:

Your article - I like it very much, for many reasons. One of them being if I would write a bout Aldous, I would also do my best to show, with episodes from our life, that ISLAND is not a fiction or just theory, but can be ~~praxixally~~ a practical reality.

Your article is good, fair, strong.

There is a lot of discussion regarding an official biography of Aldous. In the meantime I am glad to say that an idea of mine, to have the biography written by several people, each knowing a different facet of Aldous activity and character, has been accepted in the form of " a memorial ~~memorix~~ volume," to which about a dozen persons have been asked to contribute. Cass Canfield, Julian and the English publishers have done most of the choosing and organizing. I feel that you should be asked to participate in this volume, but I did not mention this to Julian when he was here, one day only; from a phrase he said about you I know that his acquaintance with your name was made through one or more persons who do not agree with you. Had I proposed your name that day, his reaction would have been very strong; and this would have made it difficult for him to change it later.

Now my point is this: 1st) I feel that you should be included among those people who write about Aldous. The very fact ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> you are unorthodox is so significant because it shows the open mind that characterized Aldous. 2nd) your article would be excellent for the memorial volume. Now from your point of view - 1) would you like to be asked to contribute, and 2) if so should I ~~ask~~ write to Cass Canfield and send him the article? If I am not mistaken, he also is on the orthodox side and might have ~~some~~ <sup>self-</sup> protect-

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ing (not Aldous protecting) feeling about you. However, this is only speculation. I really do not know, and that is why I wonder if you have had any relationship with Canfield. I would like to have an answer to this question before I write him. Of course Julian has a very strong influence on Canfield, for after all he is the publisher and has the last word about the book he publishes. I have had a very low period, physically also, but now I am picking up. I will go to Puerto Vallarta from the 20th to 30th of March, and then I have a Seminar at Big Sur. I certainly keep my most pleasant thoughts your invitation, and I am ready to sign the visitors contract. I may come east in the spring. I don't know yet.

It is admirable that you found the way without saying it, to let those who <sup>can perceive</sup> ~~come to see you~~ how Aldous went on. Having always looked down on words as a gross mode of communication, I would like now to have a precise command of them to be able to say what should be said about Aldous. A good lesson to be in need of just what I look<sup>ed</sup> down on!

This is <sup>all for the</sup> ~~also the~~ moment ~~that~~ there is much more, later —

Affectionately

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Dear Tim, Just a quick note to tell  
you that of course I am happy that  
you are going to write the one page  
statement for Albany in the Psycho-  
logic Review - Who are the other contributors?

In the next few days I will see about  
the picture, when do you need it?

There are many more points, both  
in your letter and in my mind, which  
I want to discuss but for the moment  
I must leave and send this -  
Did you see Show magazine?

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